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The Armies of the Ant, a book on the experiences of Dr. Charles L. Hogue and published by World Publishing for the American Museum of Natural History, details an interesting UFO account. Starting on page 24, the author says:

"This is the eighth of April, and you're going to think I'm crazy. I was sitting out in front of the station here in my chair enjoying the sunset and evening when I saw an unidentified flying object. I swear you're going to think I am out of my mind. I've lost a little bit of my mind, I admit at this point, but I saw it, I yelled and I screamed and I called Andy, an itinerant ornithologist visiting the station. He came out and he saw it, too. It was a light, a starlike light, moving at a rate of speed far in excess of the capabilities of any aircraft. It was obviously in the atmosphere. It wasn't a star or a meteorite. It moved continuously in a straight line from over my shoulder, where I first saw it, to the point where it reached the horizon in the space of about thirty or forty-five seconds. It was a fairly bright light, with an intensity approximately equal to a medium star. Then it went down below the horizon."

"There's no explaining it. It was not an airplane, it was not a rocket ship, it was not a satellite. I've seen satellites, and I know how they move. They move in a steady pace very slowly across the azimuth. It was not one of those. It was something I can't explain, and it is the first time in my life I've ever seen anything like that. I'm a believer now, I am a believer that there is something going on which we don't understand. I have to join the group of people who are not believed and who are thought of as crazy, but there it was. Absolutely two of us saw it. It was there. What was it? I just asked my temporary cook about it. She is a Costa Rican woman, and said that she has seen the same thing here. She has seen them many times. I don't know what it is, but the sky is so clear that there may be something about the tropic latitudes that has attracted these things. But what are they? I saw it, Andy saw it, and the cook saw it. It was a light moving across the sky, and it was moving too fast for an airplane or a satellite, and it couldn't be a star. So what was it? I ask you."

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Alien search picks up eery space signals

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Scientists may have picked up 164 messages from the great beyond. Or maybe not.

The radio signals were detected in the past 14 months as part of the latest and most sophisticated phase of a \$400,000 search for aliens in outer space.

Further study is needed to learn if the signals come from natural or man-made causes or from some distant civilization, said astronomer Stuart Bowyer, who heads the search by the University of California at Berkeley.

The findings were announced Tuesday during the American Astronomical Society's annual meeting.

"It's very unlikely that any of these candidates are really from extraterrestrials," researcher, Dan Werthimer said. "It's much more likely that they are human-made interference or natural noise sources."

To confirm that a signal really comes from intelligent aliens, Berkeley's search and other radio telescopes would have to detect it repeatedly and find that it carried data or other signs that it was produced by technology, Werthimer said.

Since the 1960s, dozens of searches have been conducted for radio signals from broadcasts or radar used by any advanced societies in other worlds.

Bowyer and Werthimer said the Berkeley search, which uses a 1,000-foot-wide radio telescope antenna dish in Puerto Rico, is more powerful and sensitive than any other, analyzing 30 trillion signals in the last 14 months alone.

A \$100 million, 10-year search by NASA eventually will be even more powerful once it is running full time and with more advanced equipment. That search started in October, using antennas in Puerto Rico and California.

Berkeley's search began in 1980. Several other searches, like Berkeley's early efforts, detected signals that couldn't immediately be explained.

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CANADIAN UFO SURVEY

The Toronto Star, Thursday, March 25, 1993 posed the question "Do you believe some UFOs are directed by an unknown intelligence?" They received 258 calls - 69% said yes. 31% said no.

THE TAOS, NM HUM

For the past two years residents of the Taos area have reported a pulsating low-frequency sound that upsets their lives and makes them ill. They hounded their Congressmen until a government team was sent to the area to determine the source of the irritation and Congress reacted favorably. A team headed by Dr. Joe Mullins of the University of New Mexico, with members from Sandia, Los Alamos, and Phillips Labs, spent a week at Taos. They used sophisticated equipment to measure acoustic, electromagnetic, and seismic signals, but they failed to find an answer. Horace Poteet, a physicist whose work involves nuclear test-ban verification, believes it's probably not an acoustical signal (not a sound) that people are hearing. Otherwise, the sensitive microphones would have picked up it up. Nevertheless, Dr. Poteet also heard the Taos hum while he was there.